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Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34802, Petition of PYCO Industries, Inc., for Alternative Rail Service over the tracks and facilities of South Plains Switching Ltd.;

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34899, Verified Petition of PYCO Industries, Inc., for Alternative Rail Service, Temporary Relief for Service Inadequacies, 49 CFR Part 1147;

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34890, PYCO Industries, Of Inc., Feeder Line Application - Lines of South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co.;

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34922, Keokuk Junction 0
Railway Co., Feeder Line Application - Lines of South
Plains Switching, Ltd. Co.,

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of my client, West Texas & Lubbock Railway Co., Inc. ("WTL") in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

My client wishes to advise the Board that it is currently in the process of moving up to 60 tank cars from trackage serving PYCO Industries, Inc., to trackage in WTL's Lubbock-area yard. This move is due to what WTL

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understands is a temporary decline in the demand for cottonseed oil by rail due to commercial factors.

WTL believes that the Board would want to know about this move. The proximity of WTL's yard and other facilities in Lubbock provides PYCO and other Lubbock-area rail customers including those on the South Plains Switching Company with significant advantages that no other potential operator could or would have. As the Board is probably aware, WTL has frequently used its other assets in the past to reduce the potential for congestion due to imbalances in car flows, a common occurrence.

Based upon PYCO's advice, WTL believes that the business decline identified above will be temporary.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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